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Sir:

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1. European Patent Application No. 0 637 840 A1, published February 8, 1995.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 4-116851, published April 17, 1992.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 61-248540, published November 5, 1986.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 59-23541, published February 7, 1984.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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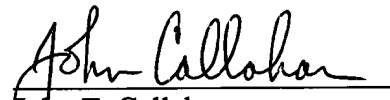
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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Foreign Search Report citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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